GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

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M.S. AHLUWALIA COMMITTEE
MOHAMMED SHAHABUDDIN

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received the recommendations of the Montek Singh Ahluwalia Committee for effective implementation of the scheme of providing employment to one crore people every year;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations;

(c) whether the Government have identified certain areas for facilitating employment to the educated unemployed persons on the basis of information technology;

(d) if so, the names of those areas and the institutions set up by the Union Government for providing employment to the unemployed in these areas; and

(e) if not, the manner in which the Government are taking steps for facilitating employment in these areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA)

a) to e) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 14 BY SHRI (MS) SHAHABUDDIN REGARDING M.S. AHLUWALIA COMMITTEE FOR REPLY ON 23.7.2001.

The report of the Task Force has been submitted to the Government on July 1st 2001. The strategy for employment generation recommended by the Task Force is based on intervention in five major areas.

- Accelerating the rate of growth of GDP, with a particular emphasis on sectors likely to ensure the spread of income to the low income segments of the labour force.

- Pursuing appropriate sectoral policies in individual sectors which are particularly important for employment generation. These sector level policies must be broadly consistent with the overall objective of accelerating GDP growth.

- Implementing focused special programmes for creating additional employment of enhancing income generation from existing activities aimed at helping vulnerable groups that may not be sufficiently benefited by the more general growth promoting policies.

- Pursuing suitable policies for education and skill development, which would upgrade the quality of the labour force and make it capable of supporting a growth process which generates high quality jobs.

- Ensuring that the policy and legal environment governing the labour market encourages labour absorption, especially in the organized sector.

The Task Force has identified important sectors such as Agriculture and allied activities, Food processing, Small scale industry, Services sector, Travel & Tourism, Information Technology, Housing & Real Estate Development and Construction, Road Transport, Distributive trade, Education & Health services and New emerging services, where sufficient potential for quality employment could be tapped. The report of the Task Force has been submitted recently to Government and further action would be initiated after acceptance of the report by the Government.